Motor Vehicles accidents.

101. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of accidents in the State for the year 1104 from motor vehicles;

(b) the total number of mortality by the same;

(c) the number of cases charged in the criminal courts;

(d) the number of cases that were convicted ;

(e) and the total number acquitted or discharged during the said period ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon

(a) Fifty-seven.

(b) Ten.

(c) Twenty-eight.

(d) Seventeen.

(e) Nine.

Article in the Mahati regarding certain irregularities in a school

102. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have perused the article by "[illegible]" under the heading "[illegible]" in Mahathi, dated 12th Kanni 1105 ;

(2) are those allegations true;

(3) what action was taken by the Government?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) Yes.

(2) Some of the allegations are true, but not all.

(3) The teacher under suspension was reinstated and he was ordered to be given full pay for the period. Pending detailed report from the Inspector of Schools about certain alleged irregularities in the school, the grant has been temporarily suspended.

Public Works Expenditure.

103. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table:—

(a) a statement showing the expenditure incurred in 1104 for each of the several items of Public Works detailed in Appendix B of the 1104 budget ;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) whether the expenditure for some of the above items has exceeded the budget allotments ;

(ii) if so, whether the sanction of the Council has been obtained by demands for supplementary grants ;

(iii) whether it is a fact that some of the budgetted items of work were not taken up at all in 1104 ?

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Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) A statement is placed on the Council Table.

(b) (i) Yes.

(ii) No. The excess has been met by transfer from other heads.

(iii) Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—In the statement placed on the Table I find only statement for the 13 main items of expenditure. The question was with respect to the several items of public works detailed in Appendix B of the budget of 1104.

President.—Haven't you placed the correct statement?

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—There are nearly 300 and odd items in the Appendix. My object in putting this question was to know what all works were neglected by the Government and what all items were worked out.

President.—Why is it that the particular statement has not been placed?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The general budget contains 13 main heads. If the Member wants any individual work from these 350 items,..

President.—Appendix B refers to all these 300 items. It involves considerable labour, isn't it?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—But the benefit involved will be more than the labour involved. I wanted to know what all works Government neglected to do. There are several items of work in the several taluks of the State which are detailed in the Appendix. We can know from the statement of expenditure which all works have been neglected by the Government and which all they were particularly anxious to do.

President.—You cannot say 'neglected'. 'Omitted' you can say. Neglect means something of a defaulting nature on the part of the Government.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—These several items have been budgetted for and Government intended to complete these works, and when these works have not been done, that means neglect.

President.—That means the intention has not been carried out. That is not neglect. We need not argue upon that point. It is only an omission.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—The question was that a statement should be supplied of all the items of public works detailed in Appendix B of the 1104 budget.

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President.—But now you find that that has not been placed.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Part (2) in (b). May I know under what authority this transfer has been made ?

President.—The Finance Member has explained it many a time.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Transfer from one head to another head can be done by the Diwan. Contingent transfer from one small head to another head can be done by the Department.

President.—Transfer from one major head to another major head you cannot do. Under the same major head, transfer of different heads can be made and all these transfers are supported by the authority concerned, that is how the matter stands.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Is there any rule sanctioning such a procedure ?

President.—*The Account Code.*

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Yes. As a result of that it is that transfer statements were placed on the Table.

President.—There was a resolution to the effect that even for this transfer from one head to another head under a major head the Council's sanction was necessary. But that resolution was withdrawn on the assurance given by the Government that the statement would be placed on the Table, the register showing the transfers under the various heads would be placed on the Table.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Is there any rule sanctioning such a procedure ?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—There is, and that rule was pointed out at that time.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know what that rule is ?

President.—Not the Council Rule ; *the Account Code.*

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—I shall find out and give you the information.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I call your attention to your words during the last Budget Session regarding these transfers? What you stated then was that hereafter no transfer would be made whether it be from the voted head to the non-voted head or from a voted head to another voted head. In view of the budget discussion, when we objected to a transfer made from a voted head to a non-voted head and from a voted head to another voted head, the President said that no transfer would be made hereafter without the sanction of the Council. A big discussion took place in this House, and I had the impression that it was stated

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in the House that hereafter no transfers would be effected. It was I who pointed out instances of transfers.

President.—It was, I think, with reference to a transfer from a voted head to a non-voted head.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—From a voted head you transferred money to a voted-down head, and when that was pointed out and when, as such, we objected to the transfer, you said that hereafter no transfer would be made. You wanted to change the rule itself so that no transfer could be made from one head to another without the sanction of this House. We give money for doing a particular work, and we find afterwards that that money has not been spent on that work but has been transferred to another work which has been voted down by this House. We said that such things should not be done behind our back. There is no doubt about it. That was one full day's discussion. I have got that discussion here.

President.—There are certain amounts sanctioned by the Government, and in the case of transfers from one major head to another major head, the sanction of the Council is necessary. But for transfers from one minor head to another minor head under the same major head no sanction is necessary.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No, no.

President.—Is that not it? Transfer from one minor head to another head under the same major head. That is our position. Mr. Salem, you refer to voted down amounts. Is this a voted down affair?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I shall quote that.

President.—Has that any reference to the present question? Is there in this a transfer from a voted head to a voted down head?

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—My question has reference only to the items which were not taken up but which have been allowed by the Government. There is no case of transfer here from one voted head to a non-voted head.

President.—Now we shall proceed.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Whether statements have been placed on the Table with regard to the transfers from other heads as is stated in (b) (ii)?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I remember that the President has stated during the budget discussion that no transfers will be made hereafter.

President.—Does that refer to transfers from voted heads to voted down heads?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I do not fight for transfers from voted heads to voted down heads. My case is only about transfers without the knowledge of the Council.

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President.—Do you mean to say that you insisted that the Council's consent must be obtained for any transfer and you came to an understanding that transfers would be placed on the Table?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Our impression was that you stated that no transfer would be made.

President.—I think you agree with me.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Yes.

President.—We are all on one side and you are on the other.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We on this side of the House are unable to say what actually took place, because it took place during the last budget meeting. The budget meeting reports are not yet out, and so we cannot quote authoritatively. If they are out, we will be able to show how the matter stands. As the reports are not yet printed, we are unable to show it now.

Salary grant of aided Schools.

104. മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. ഇ. അമ്മൂക്കൻ.—ഒരു ഗ്രാൻറ് സ്കൂളിനുമാസം വീതം കൊടുത്തുവരുന്ന രണ്ടര ഗ്രാൻറ് ഒന്നോ അധികമോ മാസത്തേക്കുള്ളത് മാനേജരുടെ അറിവുകൂടാതെയും സമാധാനംവാങ്ങാതേയും കൊടുക്കാതെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടധികാരികൾ തടയാറുണ്ടൊ? ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അപ്രകാരം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുള്ള അധികാരംഏതു ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനിൽ ആണ് സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്നത്?

റാവുസാഹിബ് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—അതാതുമാസത്തെ ഗ്രാൻറ് ബില്ൽ പാസ്സാക്കുന്നതിനുമുമ്പായി വിദ്യാഭ്യാസകോഡിൽ നിശ്ചയിക്കപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ള വ്യവസ്ഥകളെല്ലാം അനുസരിച്ചുവേണ്ടപോലെ സ്കൂൾ നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നുണ്ടൊ എന്നു നോക്കേണ്ട ഭാരം വകുപ്പധ്യക്ഷനുള്ളതാകുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. ഇ. അമ്മൂക്കൻ.—ഈ മറുപടി ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിനുള്ളതാണൊ എന്നാണ് എൻറെ ചോദ്യം.

റാവു സാഹിബ് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—അതാണെന്നാണ് എൻറെ ഉത്തരം.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. ഇ. അമ്മൂക്കൻ.—ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഒരു ruling കിട്ടിയാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

പ്രസിഡെണ്ട്.—ചോദ്യവും ഉണ്ട്. മറുപടിയും ഉണ്ട്. പിന്നെ എന്താ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. ഇ. അമ്മൂക്കൻ.—അതു ശരിയായ മറുപടിയാണൊ എന്നു.

പ്രസിഡെണ്ട്.—അതു എനിക്കു നോക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല.

റാവു സാഹിബ് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—ഞാൻ വിസ്തരിച്ചു പറയാം. ഒരു ബില്ൽ വന്നാൽ അതു നോക്കി തൃപ്തി വരാതെ അ

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